

PREFACE

Professor Andrzej Pisowicz, an eminent scholar, a world authority on Armenian and Iranian studies, and a great man deeply esteemed by many generations of students, has come to a decision on his early retirement. This choice has saddened all of us: his colleagues, friends and students. However, knowing Professor's firmness of character, we are aware that this decision is irrevocable.

To mark this emotive occasion and express our deep respect to Professor Andrzej Pisowicz we have made our mind to compile a book in his honour. Not only his friends and appreciative students but also colleagues from diverse specialities (Indo-European and general linguistics, Armenian, Iranian, Arabic, Indian, Turkic and Tibetan studies) join us in contributions to the present volume. All come together in presenting their reverence, admiration and cordial greetings for the 66th birthday that coincides with his retirement from formal university responsibilities.

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